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Identical letters dated 10 April 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Yesterday, the city of Homs was the target of a yet another bloody terrorist attack. Two cars packed with explosives were detonated in Khidr Street, Karm al-Lawz quarter, killing 25 civilians, including women and children, and injuring 107 others. The attack also caused substantial damage to civilian property and businesses. The terrorists first detonated the explosive-packed car that they had parked near Khidr Street, an area of high civilian traffic, and then detonated another car 30 minutes later in that same quarter, in order to kill the greatest number of civilians possible.

The city of Homs was the target of two earlier terrorist attacks. On 6 and 27 March 2014, cars bombs exploded in the Arman quarter, killing 14 civilians and injuring dozens of others.

These terrorist attacks, which were carried out in a densely populated area, were the latest in a series of bombings and other terrorist attacks that were recently perpetrated in various Syrian cities. The terrorist groups, which receive support in the form of funding, arms, training and shelter from States in the region and outside it, continue to commit acts of terrorism, including the firing of mortar shells at residential buildings. Dozens of civilians have been killed and injured in such attacks.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic once again calls on the Security Council to condemn this terrorist crime, which claimed the lives of dozens of innocent Syrian civilians, and other terrorist crimes that have led to the loss of Syrian lives. These crimes are being committed with the support of Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Turkey. We once again call on the Security Council to hold those States accountable for their contempt of its resolutions concerning counter-terrorism, which the Council adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter. In those resolutions, the Council rejected terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. It furthermore

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affirmed that all States and parties that sponsor terrorism will be held accountable and bear full responsibility for acts of terrorism on an equal basis with the perpetrators.

The Security Council has remained silent in the face of the terrorist crimes that are being committed in Syria and the support afforded to the perpetrators. Its stance raises legitimate questions regarding the danger of the double standards that certain permanent members of the Security Council are applying in addressing terrorism. Such double standards threaten the international consensus regarding the global counter-terrorism effort.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 110, and of the Security Council.

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